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VACATION DAYS END

ATHENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN
ED YESTERDAY.

The Usual Rush for Books Took Place
Permanent School Exhibit
May Be Made.

The happy days of vacation for another year are at an end. Yesterday morning the familiar tones of the old school bell called the pupils of the Athena public schools to enter upon another year's school work. The work of transferring the pupils into the different grades was completed yesterday and this morning the different departments entered into the school work proper. Yesterday the book stores were overflowing with school children, each of whom carried a slip of note paper on which was written the list of new text books desired for the term.

The present season's work will be conducted with a zest on the part of the scholars for learning, and from the fact that the district employs a most capable and efficient corps of instructors, it is safe to predict that the success of the Athena school will be greater than ever.

An additional feature that would undoubtedly prove of great interest to both patrons and pupils of the schools has been suggested by some of the teachers. It is proposed that an exhibit of map drawing and other work of the different departments be on display at the school house at all times, so that visitors and parents may see and become acquainted with the excellence of this character of work. The Press hopes that the exhibit will be made, feeling that it would serve as an incentive for more interest being taken by all concerned.

Charley is Boosted.

This year's wheat crop boosted Chas. Brotherton out of debt (for the first time since he began farming seventeen years ago) and after paying off his mortgage Charley had a few plunks remaining with which to boost the Leader man on his World's Fair trip. He feels happy with both these boosts. Mr. Brotherton harvested 45 bushels per acre from 200 acres on his home place near Athena, and sold his crop at the top price, 71 1/4 cents, to the Preston-Parton Milling Co. This farm cost him \$10,000 five years ago, and it would now take \$30,000 to buy it. He has 100 acres of summer fallow.—Weston Leader.

RUSSIAN VESSEL LENA

At San Francisco and Claims to Be In Condition Unfit For the Sea.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The Russian warship Lena, which arrived unexpectedly yesterday, for the alleged purpose of being overhauled and made seaworthy, remained at anchor off the Union Iron Works all morning and nothing was done to indicate that the vessel would either go into the dry dock or dismantle, or leave the port according to the laws of neutrality.

Collector of Customs Stratton announced this morning that the Lena must leave as soon as repairs are made. If repairs are necessary, or if no repairs are needed, must leave at once. The Japanese consul called on the collector and demanded that the Lena be ordered to leave the port at the expiration of 24

hours, but was refused on the ground that the captain of the Lena reports his vessel unseaworthy, and that inspectors have not yet reported on the claim that the vessel is unfit.

The opinion is expressed in official quarters that the Russian vessel will not be allowed to leave San Francisco harbor to prey upon American commerce, even though carried in Japanese bottoms. The impression prevails that the Lena will be tied up in San Francisco until the end of the war. The crew may be kept on board unless the Japanese offer objections. Meanwhile the officials are seeking to ascertain the condition of the vessel, whether she is really unseaworthy and entitled to remain for repairs.

WORKING AT THE PASS

Kuropatkin Hopes to Stay the Japanese If They Come That Far North.

London, Sept. 12.—The Daily Mail's Siamintin correspondent, cabling under date of Sept. 11, says:

"General Kuropatkin has returned to Mukden after inspecting the fortifications at Tie pass, work on which is not well advanced, but which is being hurried along. At the same time dangerous and costly efforts to delay the Japanese are being made.

"I learn from the Russian sources that the emperor peremptorily commanded Kuropatkin to retake Liaoyang. There is no abatement in the retreat of the Russian forces northward. The noise of a fierce engagement was heard south of Mukden Friday night. The whole line of retreating Russians when

within five miles southeast of Mukden were attacked by Japanese marksmen, who were invisible amid the mist. The Russian troops, sent to Tapieshan retreated with heavy losses. Chinese bandits are swarming the district and have stopped traffic between Siamintin and Mukden, shooting and torturing to death Russian patrols."

The Morning Post's correspondent, in the field with General Kuropatkin, describes the operations against Liaoyang as 12 days of the hardest possible fighting and marching on short rations with a temperature of 100 degrees in the shade and frequent falls of rain. All of this, he says, was borne splendidly though the men were worn out after the tense struggle.

Father Sees Child Drown

Clark's Fork, Idaho, Sept. 11.—A drowning accident occurred in Clark's Fork river about 8:30 this morning. As J. W. Eddy was rowing his wife and three children across the river to church the boat capsized, precipitating the occupants into the icy waters. Mr. Eddy managed to remove his coat, and then went to the aid of his wife, who was nearly exhausted, burdened as she was with an infant. Although the water did not exceed five feet in depth, there was a strong current which taxed his strength to the utmost. After rescuing Mrs.

Eddy and the baby Mr. Eddy started for his two boys, who were clinging to the side of the boat. Glen, the eldest, was holding Leland, his younger brother, up, but before the father could get to them Glen sank. Leland was taken to safety by the father who then returned for Glen's body, but failed to find any trace. The news quickly spread and searching parties are after the body. This horrible accident occurring so soon after the tragic death of Operator John Leonard at Sandpoint, who was popular here, has cast a gloom over the entire community.

Maine Strictly Republican

Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—The republicans carried the state in the biennial election today, the returns up to 11 o'clock tonight indicating a plurality of about 33,000 for William Cobb, the republican candidate for governor, compared with 33,384 for Hill, the party candidate four years ago. In the first, second, third and fourth congressional

districts returns indicate that the republicans elected their candidates. Early returns show the democrats probably made slight gains in both branches of the legislature, but that body will remain strongly republican and will probably re-elect United States Senator Eugene Hale. The vote cast was the heaviest since 1888.

Passed a Forged Check

Pendleton, Sept. 13.—John Wilson, a farm hand who has been employed by J. S. Todd, was arrested for forging a check, while drunk, on his late employer. The check which was made out for \$27, was cashed by Griffin & Mur-

rell, saloon men. When presented at the bank the forgery was discovered. Wilson got away from the officers once but was afterward rearrested. Though still drunk at the time of arrest Wilson asked to be given an opportunity to make good the amount.

\$6,000 for Broken Heart.

Portland, Sept. 12.—Birdie McCarty, of Lakeview, who sued James D. Herbyford, a rich stockman, for \$70,000 for breach of promise, has accepted \$6,000 in a compromise. A jury returned her a verdict for \$22,000 a year ago, but the case was appealed.

Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Sept. 13.—The local wheat market is exceedingly quiet. One buyer expresses the situation thus: "The price clings around the 70 cent mark, with nothing doing and we are glad of it. We have plenty of wheat for the present."

BANK STATEMENT

FINE SHOWING MADE BY THE
FIRST NATIONAL.

The Pulse of the Channels of Commerce Is Felt in Volume of Bank Business.

The Press takes pleasure in calling the readers' attention to the statement on fourth page of today's paper, of the First National Bank of Athena, given on call of the comptroller of currency, at the close of business on September 6.

The bank makes an exceptionally fine showing. In fact it gives in healthy figures the largest volume of business ever before given in a statement issued from the Athena bank. The total, \$316,132.98, would look well coming from a bank in a town four times the size of Athena. On the day the statement was made the loans and discounts amounted to \$126,932.25, the deposits \$235,195.95, and the surplus and undivided profits \$10,804.39.

Cash on hand and equipments amounted to \$159,737.66. The circulation of the bank is \$12,500 and the bank building, fixtures, etc., is valued at \$7,519.80.

The business of any community is reflected in the amount of business transacted by, and the condition of its banking institutions, for the reason that the pulse of the channels of commerce trade vibrate in proportion to the amount of banking business. The Athena, size considered, is one of the leading trade centers of the Inland Empire goes without saying, and that her bank is in a flourishing condition is attested by the foregoing figures.

ALFALFA LAND VALUES.

Charles McBee Rained 151 Tons Worth \$1050, From 15 Acres.

Charles McBee, who recently sold one of the best alfalfa farms on Butter creek meadows, to move nearer Pendleton, related a story of irrigation to the East Oregonian recently, which is worth repeating.

Mr. McBee set aside a 15 acre tract of excellent alfalfa land, and stacked the hay cut from this tract separately to see exactly what it would yield. He irrigated the land just as he did the remainder of his crop, gave it no special attention, except to keep the crop separate.

He cut three crops from the parcel of land and measured the stacks on Sept. 1, and had 151 tons of hay from this tract of 15 acres, or a fraction over 10 tons per acre, which was worth in the stack, the sum of \$7 per ton. Thus the income from this 15-acre tract for one year was \$1050, or about \$950 net, the stacking costing about 80c per ton, or \$120.

This is not an extraordinary yield for Butter creek meadows, there being hundreds of acres that are equal to this special tract.

Encouraged With Outlook.

President French returned Saturday from an institute trip to Union and Walla Walla counties. He feels greatly encouraged, says the Leader, over the outlook for a large attendance at the normal school. He enrolled a number of students from east of the mountains, all of whom are graduates of graded schools. Several teachers of experience signified their intention of entering the normal school at the mid-year term, after finishing their fall work. During his absence invitations came to President French to conduct institute work at Harney, Grant, Malheur and Baker counties, and he left again this week to attend all the institutes in these respective counties.

Lawton Is No More.

The town of Lawton, in Grant county, is no more. Mrs. Lina Sturgis, of Pendleton, had a mortgage claim against the company for \$1600, and under foreclosure proceeding the town was bid in for \$500 by E. J. Somerville. Many substantial buildings yet remain. The town was a rival of Granite and once boasted of a newspaper, the Lawton Standard. Frank Hull was the editor and postmaster.

Three Million Sold.

The Pendleton East Oregonian estimates that the sales of this season's crop of Umatilla county wheat amount to three million bushels. Estimating the total crop of the county at 5,000,000 bushels there has been sold three-fifths of the crop. The sales have all been made at good prices.